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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 574**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson**

February 24, 2015

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~~An act to amend Section 1255.5 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities to add Section 1255.4 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.~~

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 574, as amended, Patterson. General acute care hospitals: ~~cardiac catheterization~~; cardiovascular surgical teams.

*Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, including general acute care hospitals, administered by the State Department of Public Health. Existing law authorizes the department to approve, as prescribed, a general acute care hospital to offer cardiac surgery and cardiac catheterization services, as defined, if specified requirements are met. A violation of these provisions is a crime.*

*This bill would require a surgical team for the performance of cardiovascular operative procedures that require extracorporeal bypass to consist of a minimum of 2 surgeons. Because a violation of this requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

*The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

*This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.*

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~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1255.4 is added to the Health and Safety  
2     Code, to read:

3     1255.4. A surgical team for the performance of cardiovascular  
4     operative procedures that require extracorporeal bypass shall  
5     consist of a minimum of two surgeons.

6     SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
7     Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
8     the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
9     district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
10    infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
11    for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
12    the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
13    the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
14    Constitution.

15    SECTION 1. ~~Section 1255.5 of the Health and Safety Code is~~  
16    ~~amended to read:~~

17    ~~1255.5. For purposes of Section 1255, the following definitions~~  
18    ~~apply:~~

19    ~~(a) "Cardiac catheterization" includes an intravascular insertion~~  
20    ~~of a catheter into the heart for the primary definition and diagnosis~~  
21    ~~of an anatomic cardiac lesion. For the purposes of this definition,~~  
22    ~~the insertion of a Swan-Ganz thermodilution cardiac output~~  
23    ~~catheter, a venous line, and a temporary pacemaking electrode~~  
24    ~~catheter are excluded.~~

1 (b) “Cardiac surgery” means surgery on the heart or great vessels  
2 requiring a thoracotomy and extracorporeal circulation.

3 (e) ~~“Cardiovascular surgery service” means a program of a~~  
4 ~~general acute care hospital that has the capability of performing~~  
5 ~~cardiac catheterizations and cardiac surgery as defined in this~~  
6 ~~section. Under no circumstances shall there exist in a general acute~~  
7 ~~care hospital a cardiac surgery service without a cardiac~~  
8 ~~catheterization laboratory service.~~

9 (d) “Cardiac catheterization laboratory service” means a program  
10 of a general acute care hospital that has the capability of performing  
11 cardiac catheterization. Cardiac catheterization laboratory service  
12 does not include pediatric cardiac catheterization laboratory service.

13 (e) ~~“Pediatric cardiac surgery service” means a program of a~~  
14 ~~general acute care hospital that has the capability of performing~~  
15 ~~cardiac catheterization and cardiac surgery, as defined in this~~  
16 ~~section, for the diagnosis and treatment of congenital defects in~~  
17 ~~children. Cardiac catheterization for pediatric patients shall be~~  
18 ~~performed only in a general acute care hospital that has the~~  
19 ~~capability to perform cardiac surgery on pediatric patients.~~

20 (f) ~~“Intensive care newborn nursery services” means the~~  
21 ~~provision of comprehensive and intensive care for all contingencies~~  
22 ~~of the newborn infant, including intensive, intermediate, and~~  
23 ~~continuing care. Policies, procedures, and space requirements for~~  
24 ~~intensive, intermediate, and continuing care services shall be based~~  
25 ~~upon the standards and recommendations of the American~~  
26 ~~Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines for Perinatal Care, 1983.~~